

PATRIOTISM PAPER

Directions:

Your goal is to discover: what is patriotism? What does it mean to be patriotic? How do you show patriotism? What evidence do you have that you are patriotic? You must type (for full credit) a paper regarding patriotism. Your research will be directed by the options that you have selected below.

Choose TWO of the following to research:

- ☐ 1. The United States Flag:
Why is it red, white, and blue? Who made the flag? When? What does the flag mean to you? In what ways do Americans display the flag to show their patriotism? Why can't you burn the flag? What do you do if you have an old flag and it needs to be discarded? How come the flag can't touch the ground?
- ☐ 2. The Star Spangled Banner:
Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner? When? Under what conditions was it written? When did it become the national anthem? How/why does the Anthem inspire patriotism?
- ☐ 3. The Pledge of Allegiance:
When was it written? Why do you think it is recited in school daily? What does the Pledge mean to you? Do you stand for the pledge? Why or why not? What signal are you sending if you sit for the Pledge? Why is it appropriate to stop what you're doing when the Pledge is being recited? What are you pledging?
- ☐ 4. Washington DC, our Nation's Capitol: What was the original capitol? When did DC become the capitol? What monuments are there? How does the capitol/monuments inspire patriotism?

You must ALSO research **TWO** patriotic songs:

Patriotic Songs: Choose one "*military*" patriotic song and one *other* to research and report on. You may research them at school, but you may have to listen to them at home. You may bring headphones with you to the lab to *LISTEN TO PATRIOTIC SONGS*, **not** to listen to OTHER personal music.

Things to think about:

- *What is the song about? How or why does the song inspire patriotism?
- *Who wrote the song? When?
- *What colony or state is the song from?

- **You will lose computer privileges if you are using the computers for anything but this assignment.**

Research the links below to assist you in writing a response to these questions.

- Pledge of Allegiance

http://www.homeofheroes.com/hallofheroes/1st_floor/flag/1bfc_pledge.html

Excellent site on the history of the Pledge including its meaning.

- Patriotic (military-war based) Songs

Yankee Doodle

<http://www.yourdictionary.com/library/yankee.html>

<http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/y004.html>

Yankee Doodle lyrics

Battle Hymn of the Republic

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/b/h/bhymnotr.htm>

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/songs/john_brown.html

When Johnny Comes Marching Home

<http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/lyrics/johnny.htm>

Lyrics

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/ihis/loc.natlib.ihis.200000024/default.html>

History of the song

- American Flag

<http://www.aboutamericanflags.info/>

American Flag History

<http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagetiqt.html>

Flag etiquette and rules

<http://www.foundingfathers.info/American-flag/>

Historic flags and history

- Patriotic Songs:

Star Spangled Banner

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/>

Star Spangled Banner

America the Beautiful

<http://www.patrioticon.org/patriotic-soundfiles.htm>

America the Beautiful; lyrics + song

<http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/poets/bates.php>

Katharine Lee Bates-writer of America the Beautiful

Dixie

<http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/lyrics/dixie.htm>

History/lyrics

<http://www.danemmett.org/>

Bio of author of *Dixie*

My Country Tis of Thee

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/m/c/mctisoft.htm>

My Country Tis of Thee; History

<http://memory.loc.gov/diglib/ihis/loc.natlib.ihis.200000012/default.html>

Excellent site regarding the History of *America* (My Country Tis of Thee)

God Bless the USA

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/God_Bless_the_USA

➤ Our Nations Capital: Washington DC

<http://washington.org/visiting/experience-dc/knowledge-seeker/dc-history-african-american>

History of Washington DC

<http://www.pbs.org/ellingtonsdcdHistory.htm>

Extensive site on the history of Washington DC

<http://www.dcpages.com/History/>

Timeline/history of DC

Misc...Information for most groups—Great Stuff!

<http://www.salem.k12.va.us/south/America/pledge.htm>

Must See! Excellent source to get you started! Information and many patriotic themes; Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, The Pledge, Constitution, White House, etc...

<http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>

Excellent site; access to many historic documents.

<http://www.patrioticon.org/patriotic-soundfiles.htm>

Link to lyrics/songs for most groups

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/nation/usa.html>

Site with “quick facts”